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CT Judiciary Committee and its Members Legislative Office Building Rm2500, 3/23/2011

Re: SB1094

Dear Lawmakers,

It is my opinion and the opinion of countless law-abiding hunters, shooters, firearms enthusiasts, and home defenders; that this bill is an intrusive, unfair, and unconstitutional, usurpation of our rights as American and Connecticut citizens. Furthermore, this bill fails to provide any relief from criminal shootings or violence in anyway, since it is plainly obvious that criminals that commit gun crimes do not usually consider the law in any of their decisions to commit these crimes.

It would appear on the surface, that bills and laws such at SB1094 are conceived in the world of appearance instead of the reality of results, and we as eitizens have grown tired of the "feel-good" types of legislation that rob individuals of their rights while providing politicians with carefully crafted and meaningless ad content. I would simply ask that the supporters of this bill understand that passing laws that can not yield the intended results cannot be a good thing for our society. Even if the intentions are right and the praise is abundant, can it be good to instill doubt upon our system by passing a law that is provably useless, and can only affect the decent law-abiding gun-owners of this state? I say No. The only answer to reducing gun crimes is by the passing of laws that punish criminals, and not gun owners.

Respectfully,

Edward J. Boughton Jr.